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Mr. STONCASTLE,

AS I am of the Female Sex, I do not pretend to be a competent Judge how many Evils the ſuppos'd *Influence* of *French* Councils has introduced into our *Political* State; but from a Knowledge of the World, and the Obſervations I have made, I have apparently ſeen what a *fatal Influence French Modes* and *Cuſtoms* have over the Tempers and Manners of our Æconumical State; and, with Regret, I perceive the Malady confines not itſelf to the mere *Beau Monde*, but the Diſtemper becomes Epidemical in Private as well as in High Life.

The Mimic Imitation of the Fopperies and Fooleries of that Nation is no Novelty; it has been the Foible of the *Engliſh* for upwards of a Century; the Riſe of it, and the Continuance, are owing to the ſame Thing; which is, the ill Uſe which our young Sparks make of their Travels. A young Gentleman of Fortune, if he has not a good Share of Senſe, will not be much improv'd by a Tour to *Paris*; but if he has not more than Common Senſe, he will return both a *Fool* and a *Coxcomb*. Hence it is that we ſee, in all public Places, ſo many light, airy, dancing, chattering, inſipid Things, who call themſelves *Petit Maitres*. Mr. *Congreve*, in one of his Plays, makes one of his Characters of a Man of Senſe ſay, That it were neceſſary there ſhould be an Act of Parliament to prevent the *Exportation* of *Fools*: And the Poet was certainly in the right, if we conſider the Ballance of Accounts. If we export to *France* ſome Dulneſs, *France* returns double and treble in Impertinence; and for every Grain of Ignorance a Coxcomb carries out of the Kingdom, he imports a Pound of Vice and Degeneracy.

But to the Purpoſe for which I ſat down to write. The *falſe Accompliſhments* which the Men acquire by a Foreign Tour, too often paſs on our Sex for the Characteriſticks of a *fine Gentleman*: The Airs they give themſelves, and their frothy Chit-Chat Converſation among our very modiſh Ladies, paſs for Wit and Breeding, while they have no Manner of Notion of what is ſaying an elegant Thing, or doing a genteel one.

Nor is this any Wonder: From a *Similitude* of *Education*, though they have never been in *France*, they contract a Similitude of Manners, Habits and Thoughts; and therefore the domeſtic Education, *A-la-Mode de Francois*, of our young Ladies, is as highly deſerving Cenſure as the Foreign Tutorage of our young Gentlemen; to this, all the Female Extravagances, which are grown ſo faſhionable, are owing: Their *Vanities* before Marriage, and their *Extravagances* after it, are the Reſult of a *Modern Modiſh Education*.

Let us conſider what the Courſe of Education of a young Gentlewoman, according to the Mode, now is. Soon as ſhe can well ſpeak ſhe has a *French* Governeſs, which is generally ſome antiquated *Coquet*, to teach her two important Things at once, how to make a *Curtſy*, and gabber a little *French*; but, with theſe notable Accompliſhments, ſhe imperceptibly imbibes *Vanity*, and a *Prejudice* for *French Gentility*. *Madamoiſelle* is eternally inſtilling into her, how charming, how pretty, how adorable a little Angel ſhe is: Nature, young as ſhe is, makes it pleaſing to her; and, as ſhe grows up, ſhe eſteems *Madamoiſelle* the moſt engaging Perſon living; and that nothing but what is in the ſame extravagant ſuperlative Way of Compliment is good Manners. The next Part of Education conſiſts chiefly in *Dancing*, *Singing*, and *Dreſſing*. After a ſmall Proficiency in theſe, from the early Tincture they receive, they begin to mimic the Manners, Language, and Airs of their *Mammas*. They ſoon catch Perfection; for which Reaſon we ſee, almoſt every where, *Coquets* in *Hanging ſleeve Coats*, and *Goddeſſes* at *Fourteen*. How ſhould it be otherwiſe, when the firſt Things they are taught to be in love with is their *Looking-Glaſs* and *Company*? They become habituated to Flattery, and are taught to look on Pleaſure as the chief Buſineſs of their Lives.——But alas! what a Fatality often attends this Education! How often does a young forward fine Lady run away with her Footman! How many are made miſerable, by finding they are not to do juſt what they will after Marriage as before it!

You may be ſurpris'd, Mr. *Spectator*, when I aſſuredly inform you, that there are *Parties* of theſe young *Gentry* form'd, who practiſe all the faſhionable Foibles of more adult Aſſemblies. I have ſeen a Sett of *Miſſes* at play, the Eldeſt not above *Fourteen*, for *Crowns* and *Guineas*; when a Girl of Spirit has loſt more at one Sitting than would have ſerv'd her *Grandmother* for the Expences of a whole *Chriſtmas*, though ſhe had a Run of *bad Luck*.

A thorough Reformation of the Errors of our preſent *Female Education* is not to be expected; however, by pointing them out, they may have a proper Effect on ſome Parents. I would recommend therefore, for the Sex in General, to look back into paſt Ages, and ſee what a Figure the Sex then made: They would find Women who were not only good *Wives*, but uſeful *Subjects*. There have been *Female Patriots* (ſuperior to our Male ones now) who have voluntarily devoted their *Money* and *Jewels* for the Service of their Country; who eſteem'd thoſe important Articles of *Beauty* and *Dreſs* only as the Ornaments of *Virtue* and *good Senſe*.

There are many illuſtrious Examples of the Courage, Abilities, Prudence and Conduct of Women who have appear'd at the Head of Armies; *Boadicia* and Queen *Elizabeth*, of our own Countrywomen, ſufficiently illuſtrate it.

But as there is no Occaſion for the Ladies to exerciſe, at preſent, a *Military* Genius, they may reap as much Glory by excelling in a *Domeſtick* one; and a *private Gentlewoman* may make as illuſtrious a Figure at the Head of her *Family*, as a *Heroine* of old at the Head of an *Army*: A prudent Government over that equals a juſt Government over a Nation; and *Kindneſs*, *Benevolence* and *Œconomy*, are as great Virtues in a *Citizen's Houſe*, as on the Imperial *Throne*. To look on Women as *Queens*, *Heroines*, and *Goddeſſes*, carries the Compliment too far; they ought not to expect to be look'd on but as *Wives*, *Mothers*, *Siſters* and *Daughters*. I would not, therefore, have *Female Power* ſo prevalent as to inſiſt on any Privilege of going to *Operas*, *Balls*, *Oratorios* or *Maſquerades*, againſt the *Prerogative* of a *Father* or *Huſband*. My Taſte is alſo ſo antique, that I abhor the *Modern Accompliſhment* of playing *at the Game* at *Cards*, and knowing *all the Chances* of the Dice at *Hazard*; I ſhould think it a more genteel Part of Education, to write *legibly*, read *articulately*, to converſe *ſenſibly*, and think *ſincerely*. Suppoſe a private Gentleman's or Citizen's Daughter was ignorant of the *Ceremonialia* of an *Aſſembly*: What Loſs would accrue to her Huſband if ſhe had an excellent Hand at a *Pye* or a *Pudding*? Or, Suppoſe ſhe underſtood Needle-Work better than a *Concerto*, Would ſhe be leſs admir'd by a Man of Senſe, or make a worſe *Wife*, or leſs indulgent *Mother*?

Should the moſt gay Ladies, of a Century ago, view a *modern Breakfaſt*, after the Mode of *France*, how would they be ſurpris'd! and think they were rather in a *Brothel*, than a Lady of Quality's Bed-chamber. To ſee a Lady in Bed, with nothing but a looſe Sack about her, her Head dreſs'd, her Breaſt bare, with half a Dozen young Fellows about her; they *gallanting*, ſhe *coqueting*; they would little imagine this was a Woman of *rigid Virtue* and *ſtrict Honour*. Yet ſuch there are, who pretend to much *Virtue* and *Honour*, yet take greater *Liberties*, I ſhould ſay *Indecencies*. If Cuſtom has made ſuch Things familiar among the *French*, their odd Gaiety is no Excuſe for *Engliſh* Ladies to break through that *lovely Decency*, which is ſo peculiar to them, and ſo *charming* in them

If *Fools* and *Coxcombs* take Libertics of talking of their Succeſs with Women, they are encourag'd to it by their imprudent Conduct; and I believe many a Lady has been ſuſpected and injur'd in her Reputation, while ſhe only thought ſhe was innocently gay.

But the Sufferance of all, or any of theſe modiſh Errors to be imbib'd, is the Errors of the Parents, who, through the prevailing *Luxury* of the Age, take more Pains to make them *fine Gentlemen* and *Ladies*, while they are *Children*, than to leave them Fortunes to maintain them as ſuch when grown up. Hence, when the Maſter of a Family *dies*, or becomes a *Bankrupt*, there are generally two or three *Miſſes* turn'd out into the World a grazing, and a very *pretty Fellow*, perhaps, reduced to the Drudgery of a *Counter*. The Miſſes, generally, have too great Souls to become Servants, who have had Servants to themſelves, and ſo remain *Miſſes* in the very worſt Senſe of the Word: And ten to one but the pretty Fellow turns out *a good-for nothing Fellow* all his Life after.

If *good Senſe*, *Sincerity*, *Frugality* and *Houſwifry* were ſtronger implanted in the *Female Sex*, they would be real Accompliſhments in every Degree of Life; nor need a Lady of *Quality* think it derogatory to her *Rank*, to know when her Servants did their Duty. I am ſure if Women were taught how to employ their Times with Innocence at home, our *Men* of *Faſhion* would have *better Wives*, and our *Women* of *Diſtinction better Huſbands*.

Mr. *Spectator*, theſe Sentiments are the Conſequence of *Obſervation*; and I could have illuſtrated them by ſeveral Examples in Life, had I thought them material. If this rude Eſſay, on one Part of the Conduct of my Sex, is thought tolerable, I ſhall communicate my Thoughts on ſome other as freely and impartially as I have done this: For though in Turn I ſhall commend their Virtues where I find them, I ſhall not be blind to their Errors where they are apparent; always having this in my View, to be *Inſtructive*, as well as merely *Amuſing*. I am,

Mr. STONECASTLE,
An old Correſpondent,
(though perhaps forgot)
SOPHIA.

The DOMESTICK INTELLIGENCER.

MONDAY, *Oct.* 25. *St. James's Coffee-Houſe.*

Great Preparations are making for the Celebration of his Majeſty's Birth-day, and the Court is expected to be more particularly *ſplendid*, as the *new Sett of Courtiers* are believ'd will diſtinguiſh themſelves in an extraordinary Manner, both in *Dreſs* and *Equipages*.——*It is not of much Importance to their Countrymen what a* Figure *they make in the* Drawing-Room, *but what a* Figure *they will very ſoon make in* St. S——n's Chapel.

Slaughter's Coffee-House, St. Martin's Lane.

As this is the Resort of the most *speculative Politicians* about *Foreign Affairs*, and the Secrets of *Embassadors* are whisper'd here, the News of this Day, brought by a *French* Gentleman from M. *B*—'s, has surpris'd all the *English*; for, with great Authority he affirms, 'There will not only be *no Campaign* in *Flanders* this Winter, but, in all Probability, there will be a General Peace before Spring; and that the *British* Troops, and *Hanoverians*, *Danes* and *Hessians*, in *British Pay*, will return to their respective Countries——*like F——s as they came.*'——If this Intelligence came from M. *B—y* himself, it's to be hop'd he only *speaks as he would have it.*——However, 'tis reported a very great Man will be sent *Plenipotentiary* to *Paris*.——*Our best* Plenipoes *are already in* Flanders, *though they have not begun their Negotiations.*

TUESDAY. *Dick's, Temple-Bar.*

'Tis said *Colley Cibber*, Esq; has compos'd an *Ode* for his Majesty's Birth-Day, in which many *Military Accomplishments* are celebrated.——*How much more* Sublime *would it have been had he had an Opportunity of singing a* Battle, *or describing a* Siege!

Another Fleet is to rendezvouz at Spithead, immediately to go on *another Expedition*; ——*to do somewhat more*, 'tis hop'd, *than to take a* Trip *and return again.*—The Importance of some former Expeditions are describ'd in the following Couplet:

As if Paul's *Cupola was brought to bed,*
After much Labour, of a——small Pin's-Head.

WEDNESDAY. *Fountain Tavern in the Strand.*

The *Patriot Club*, who, last Year, had so many Meetings at this Place, are expected to renew their Assembly before the Parliament meets, in order to consider of the present State of our Domestick Affairs, resolve on prosecuting the true Interest of their Country, unite in attaining the Wishes of their Fellow-Subjects, and keep up the Characters of honest Men and Britons.——*But we are in Suspence whether* some *of the late* leading Men *of the* Club *will have* Time *to appear, and whether, in the room of these* Absentees, *we may not have some Members who never appear'd there* before.

FRIDAY. *Dick's, Temple-Bar.*

The following Stanzas *have been handed about.*

M. ANTONY *the* Second *to his* CLEOPATRA.

I.

BLest as the great immortal Powers above
Was he, the youthful Swain, who, fir'd with Love,
Oft sweetly smiling sat by Thee,
Pleas'd with viewing every Grace,
Whose Soul was fill'd with Joy to see
The Beauties of thy blooming Face:
Whose Ears, attentive, listen'd to thy Tongue,
Where Words benign, and soft Persuasion hung.

II.

Thy Smiles so sweet, thy Air so nobly gay,
Stole the fond Youth's ungarded Heart away;
Lost in Amaze! his Senses fled,
A sudden Trembling seiz'd his Heart,
Cold Chilness all his Limbs o'erspread,
And Love distill'd thro' ever Part:
In vain he strove his Passion to declare,
His Voice was lost by gazing on the Fair.

III.

In vain he sigh'd, he saw, and was undone;
Lightning did thro' his Bones and Marrow run.
His Sight was dazzled with the Rays
That darted from thy radient Eyes:
On Thee no more he now could gaze;
See! from his Face the Colour flies!
His Ears with Murmurs rung,——His Soul was fir'd;
He sigh'd, he languish'd, fainted—and—*expir'd.*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Vienna, Oct. 10. We have Advice of the Austrian Army's moving gradually towards the North, so that the Town of Plan was become the general Quarter, and the Right extended to Cutten Plan, while Menzel was posted near to Egra. The French, to obviate the Consequences of this Position, which tended towards cutting them more and more from Prague, and even from Egra, if not from Amberg, attempted, with 3000 Men and Cannon, to dislodge Mentzel, who receiv'd them so well as to beat them back with the Loss of 208 Prisoners, besides what was kill'd and wounded. After which the whole French Generality came out of their Wood with 4000 Men to reconnoitre the Austrians; but hasten'd back upon the first Appearance of the Hussars, who waited upon them to their very Camp. In the mean while the Prince de Deux Ponts arriv'd at the French Army with ten Postillions, to give Notice of the raising of the Siege and Blockade of Prague, where the French are however almost as much shut up as ever to the West, and it is thought will be more so in a short Time; for besides all the irregular Forces that are gathering for that Purpose, of which several, who retir'd, have been prevail'd upon to return, four Regiments of Cavalry, viz. St. Ignon, Dolion, Wirtenberg and Birkenfeld, are march'd from the main Army to Leuthmeritz, from whence they will, with the others, have an Eye to the Motions of the French towards Saxony and the East. We hear that M. de Maillebois has at last taken the Resolution to retire out of Bohemia through the Woods by which he enter'd; and it's believ'd, by Seckendorff's being at Landau upon the Iser, and upon a strong Garrison's having been transported from Straubing to Deckendorf, that his Intention is to go into Bavaria, with a Design to seize upon Passau.

From the Head Quarters of the Austrian Army at Saatz in Bohemia, Oct. 19.

The Motions of Marshal Maillebois having given Room to presume that his Design was to get through this Circle, in order to join Marshal Broglio at Leutmaritz, or some other Post on the Elb, the Grand Duke posted the Hungarian Troops in the Defiles of Carelsbad, Andeleskakora, Watezi and Drabinitz: At the same time the Army continued its March to this Place, which is a very good Post, from whence we can easily turn to Marshal Maillebois, or to Marshal Broglio, as we see Occasion. General Nadasty writes this Day, that, to judge by Appearances, there was Reason to think that the Enemy have abandon'd the Project of a Junction, and that their Army was returning towards Egra: This is affirm'd by some of their Deserters; but the Great Duke waits for more certain Intelligence on this Head, that he may either march again towards Egra, or take the Route to Prague.

Dresden, Oct. 24. The Duke of Weissenfels is come hither, in order to take, with Count Rutowski, some more effectual Resolution for the Defence of these Frontiers against the French Mauroders, and to prevent Disorders. The Distress of Marshal Maillebois increases from the Want of Provisions and the Difficulties of Marching, according to his suppos'd Design, towards the Danube, or indeed of moving at all without great Hazard. A Party of about 2 or 300 French, chiefly Officers as is reported, went to Caaden, not knowing that the Austrians were there, from whence they endeavour'd afterwards, in vain, to escape: Some got into Churches and Convents, but the Pandours did not respect those Sanctuaries, and continued their Slaughter, which Nadasti, their Commander, could not stop, tho' it is said he sav'd the Life of the Chief of that Detachment. The Hussars have taken 600 Oxen, and some Provisions intended for Prague. This Court is inform'd from several Places, that there is a pestilential Distemper raging in Hungary towards the Frontiers of Poland, and has directed the Chancellor of that Republick to issue out such Orders as were given in 1739, on the same Occasion, to prevent all Communication with that Neighbourhood.

Hanover, Oct. 26. Letters from the Frontiers of Bohemia assure us, that 7000 French Horse and Dragoons have been entirely routed by a great Body of Austrian Hussars, that all the Hospitals at Egra have been crowded with Wounded, and that 7 or 800 Men have been either kill'd or taken. This happen'd on the 16th.

Paris, Oct. 22. The Court has receiv'd an Express from M. Bussy, with Advice, that the King of Great Britain's Voyage to Flanders is not only laid aside, but that the Measures concerted for opening the Campaign with the Siege of Dunkirk are quite broken.

Brussels, Oct. 25. The Hanoverian and Hessian Troops still encamp in the Plain of Dighem, but we know not whether they will continue their March, or whether they will be sent into Winter Quarters. It is said that the Garrisons of Mons, Charleroy, Aeth and Dendermond, which were likewise to march into Flanders, have receiv'd counter Orders. They talk also of sending back to Luxembourg the six Battalions lately draughted from that Garrison; but all this will not be decided 'till the Duke d'Aremberg's Return from London. Some People think the Duke is gone to demand Permission of the King of Great Britain to employ the English Forces in some Expedition that may make France divide her Troops; but others are of Opinion that there is something more pacifick in the Design of the Duke's Voyage.

Hague, Oct. 28. Baron Reischach, Minister from the Queen of Hungary, deliver'd a few Days since to the States-General a Rescript from that Princess, importing, 'That the Propositions lately made to 'Count Sinsheim, at the Hague, tended to deliver 'the Empire from the Oppression it groans under, to 'preserve it hereafter from the like Calamities, and to 'procure it, particularly the Circles of the Rhine, 'better Securities than the ordinary Treaties and Engagements; Securities in which the Electoral House of Bavaria would have found real Advantages: But, adds the Queen, the Plan of Accommodation proposed in the Commissorial-Decree, only tends to a 'Suspension of Arms. To consent to that, would 'be lending new Facilities to the Schemes of the 'Count de Belle-Isle: It would be contributing ourselves to overturn the Constitution of the Empire, 'and trample under Foot the Liberties of Europe, &c. 'The Queen concludes, that she is still ready to accommodate Matters upon Conditions which do not 'make for the Interest of France alone; but for that 'of the two Parties concern'd, and of which the 'Foundation shall be the Good and Tranquility of the 'Empire: And, moreover, that she will never desert 'Great Britain nor her other Allies; and that she is disposed, with the Concurrence of those Powers, to 'renew the Negotiation lately set on Foot at the 'Hague at the Request of the Emperor himself, &c.

From the Paris A-la-main, Oct. 31.

We have receiv'd a private Letter from Marshal Maillebois's Army, which was then within three Leagues of Egra, importing, that the Garrison actually left at Prague consists of 4000 Men; that Marshal Broglio has join'd the Army with the 12,000 Men which he brought out of that City; and that the two Marshals are now in sight of the Enemy, waiting only for a favourable Opportunity to give them Battle, and thereby open themselves a Passage directly to Vienna. It is said that there are frequent Skirmishes between the two Armies, which are equally disadvantageous to both. We are also assur'd, that the French intend to march to Lintz and lay Siege to that Place. This Account does not carry a very authentick Air with it; for in the first Place the French, it seems, are to march directly to Vienna, if they gain a Victory over the Great Duke of Tuscany; but as they may, perhaps, be soon forced to take up Winter Quarters in Bavaria, we are afterwards told, undoubtedly to salve their Honour, that they are going to lay Siege to Lintz.——But whatever Disappointments they may m et with, let not Britons run away with a Notion that Europe is safe, while France has got any Footing in the Empire, while the Liberties of Britain stand tottering, and her Trade in a manner brought to the Brink of Ruin, for fear of irritating an Enemy or disobliging an Ally.

PLANTATION NEWS.

Boston, Aug. 23. Capt. James Purcell, of the Pulteney Privateer of this Place, has taken the following Ships, viz. a small Bark, laden with Wine and Brandy, off Oran; a large Barcalongo, which had been a Privateer, laden with Houshold Goods, Steel, Pictures, &c. which he sent to Gibraltar; three Barks, which he carried into Faro; a Barcalongo, with Bale Goods from Cadiz, which was ransom'd for 550 Dollars, the Master of which he keeps on board as Security for the Money, which is to be paid at Faro; a Barcalongo laden with Tunis Fish, but he burnt the Bark; as also five Sail of Barks more, not having Men for them: Their Rigging, &c. was dispos'd of at Lisbon.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Oct. 16. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Col. Degrangues, Colonel to one of the new raised Regiments on the British Establishment, to be

Colonel of the Regiment lately commanded by Lieutenant General Biſſet, deceas'd, on this Eſtabliſhment; and we hear Lieutenant Colonel Macquire, of Degrangues's late Regiment, is to ſucceed him in the Command of the ſaid Regiment.

We hear, that in the Room of his Grace Dr. John Hoadley, now tranſlated to the Archbiſhoprick of Ardmagh, the Biſhop of Derry will be remov'd to Dublin, the Biſhop of Kildare to Derry, the Biſhop of Ferns and Leighlin to Kildare, Dr. William Cotteral, Dean of Raphoe to Ferns; and that Dr. Smyth is to have the Deanery of Raphoe, worth above 1000 l. per Annum.

We hear from Gallway, that in the late Storm two Ships were drove out of the Dock, one laden with Kelp, which ſunk; and the other, a fine Pink from Limerick, drove aſhore on the Rocks; but 'tis hoped will be got off; and that a large Whale was thrown on ſhore dead at Roſcom, near that Place, which belongs to the Mayor, as Admiral of the Bay of Galway.

Dublin Caſtle, Oct. 18. His Majeſty having been pleaſed to ſignify his Royal Pleaſure for augmenting the Dragoon Regiments in this Kingdom by the Addition of one Adjutant to each Regiment; and one Serjeant, one Corporal, one Drummer, and twenty private Men to each Troop, his Majeſty has appointed Thomas Kynaird, Gent. to be Adjutant to the Lord Moleſworth's Dragoons; Edward Clayton, Gent. to be Adjutant to Col. Brown's Regiment; and Edward Oſborn, Gent. to be Adjutant to Col. Roſe's Regiment.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to ſign the following Commiſſions; Daniel Tomkins, Eſq; to be Captain of a Troop in Major-General Bowles's Regiment of Horſe, in the room of John Arabin, Eſq; preferr'd; and Andrew Deruſſat, Gent. to be Surgeon to Col. Richbell's Regiment of Foot.

Their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices have appointed Blachford Wynne, Gent. to be Barrack-Maſter of Mullingar, Philipſtown and Tullamore.

James Davys, Eſq; is made Comptroller of the Ordnance Office, in the room of Peter Viraſell, Eſq; who hath reſign'd.

Dublin, Oct. 19. Yeſterday a Proclamation was iſſued by their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, for the Obſervance of a ſolemn Faſt on the 10th of November next.

Letters from Liverpool mention that the Armitage, John Raynor of that Place, bound there from Dublin in Ballaſt, was loſt in the late Storm near Holyhead, but the Maſter and Crew were all ſav'd.

The Samuel, Bickford, from Jamaica, laden with Rum and Sugar for Liverpool, was likewiſe entirely loſt near Holyhead, and only one Boy ſav'd.

Two Hulls of Ships and three Windlaſſes were drove on Shore at Liverpool, the two Hulls ſuppoſed to belong to the ——, Gilbert Rummer, Maſter, and the Francis, Cannon, Maſter, both from Dublin for Liverpool in Ballaſt; the Maſters and Crews are ſuppos'd to have periſh'd.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Oct. 19. On Sunday the 10th Inſtant, during the Time of Divine Service, the Roof of the large Church of Fearn, which is the greateſt in Roſs, fell like a Clap of Thunder, by which unhappy Accident a vaſt Number of People were kill'd and wounded; among the latter are the Laird of Auchinloch and the poor Miniſter. The Particulars are not yet known, becauſe the Rubbiſh is not clear'd; but 'tis ſaid about 60 dead Bodies have already been taken out of the Ruins.

Friday laſt there was ſuch a Take of Herrings at Air, that 1000 l. ſterl. ready Specie was paid down for the ſame.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Newcaſtle, Oct. 23. On Saturday laſt, in the Duſk of the Evening, as one Mr. Adam Bird, of North Shields, was riding between Biker Hill Gate and the Waggon Way in Shields Road, he was attack'd by a Footpad in blue grey Cloaths, with a black Wig, who took his Horſe by the Bridle and bid him ſtand: Mr. Bird, more ſurpriz'd than terrify'd, aſk'd if he was in earneſt? The Fellow anſwer'd, Yes; and preſenting a Piſtol, ſwore if he did not inſtantly deliver he would blow his Brains out; upon which Mr. Bird ſtruck him on the Head with the Butt End of his Whip and made him reel, and then, attempting to ride over him, the Fellow diſcharg'd his Piſtol, which miſs'd him. On this Mr. Bird, in order to prevent his charging his Piſtol again, and being in hopes of ſeizing the Villain, alighted from his Horſe; but the Rogue being too nimble for him got into the Fields, and ſo made his Eſcape.

Southampton, October 25. On Friday laſt, at an Aſſembly of the Common-Council for the Choice of a Recorder of this Town, in the Room of Robert Eyre, Eſq; who had reſign'd that Office, Mr. Serjeant Eyre was unanimouſly elected; and the ſame Evening the whole Corporation were elegantly entertain'd at the Audit-Houſe by the new Recorder.

LONDON.

Thurſday, about One o'Clock, His Majeſty and the Royal Family came to St. James's from Kenſington for the Winter Seaſon, after which there was a Grand Levee to pay their Compliments to the King on that Occaſion.

The ſame Day their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales came to Carlton-Houſe from Cliefden, for the Winter.

Capt. John Gage is appointed by the Lords of the Admiralty Commander of the new Otter Sloop, lately rebuilt.

We hear that a *Noble Peer*, lately arriv'd from Bath, had, the other Day, a very great *Levee*; but whether it conſiſted of ſuch *Friends* who only paid a Tribute to his *Great Virtues* and *Merit*, or of ſuch *Sycophants* who are the *Mean Slaves* to *Promotion*, is a Point which may be *eaſily determin'd*.

We hear the Duke d'Aremberg, Miniſter from the Queen of Hungary, will not return home 'till ſome time after the Meeting of the Parliament.

The Government having bought 12,000 Bags of Salt-Petre, containing in the whole 600 Tons, the ſame is order'd to be lodg'd in the White Tower in the Tower of London, and brought from thence as Occaſion ſhall require.

Yeſterday the Right Hon. Robert Willimott, Eſq; (attended by ſeveral Companies by Water to Weſtminſter) was ſworn into the Office of Lord Mayor of of this City. The Appearance was very Magnificent.

Laſt Week Mr. Lowther, a wholeſale Linnen-Draper in Fenchurch-Street, was married to the Widow Gilbert of Great Queen Street, a Lady of 10,000 l. Fortune.

Tueſday was married at the Church of St. Mary Aldermary, Mr. Edwards, Son of Oliver Edwards, Eſq; late High Sheriff for Bedfordſhire, to Miſs Sewell, Daughter of Mr. Sewell, an eminent Brewer in Old-ſtreet.

Monday Mr. Herne, an eminent Diſtiller, was married, at Walthamſtow in Eſſex, to Miſs Burward, an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

The ſame Day was married John Rogers, Eſq; eldeſt Son of Sir John Rogers, of Blackford in the County of Devon, Bart. to Miſs Treſuſis, Daughter of Thomas Treſuſis, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Victualling, an agreeable young Lady, with a Fortune of 12,000 l.

A few Days ſince Richard Rainsford, Eſq; one of the Rolls Regiſters in Chancery, was married to Miſs Kingſcot, of Kingſton Hall in Glouceſterſhire, a very agreeable young Lady with 6000 l. Fortune.

Thurſday Night his Grace the Duke of Montroſe was married to the Lady Lucy Manners, Daughter of her Grace the Dutcheſs of Rutland, at her Grace's Houſe in Groſvenor's-ſquare.

Laſt Week died, at his Seat at Clevedon in the County of Somerſet, after a lingering Illneſs, Sir Abraham Elton, Bart. one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for the City of Briſtol.

The Perſons talk'd of to ſucceed him as Repreſentative of the City of Briſtol, are Abraham Elton, Eſq; the preſent Mayor; and Mr. Ho'lin, who married the Daughter of Thomas Coſter, Eſq; who was formerly Member for the ſaid City.

Laſt Sunday Night as Mr. Reeve, a Hoſier and Glover in Fleet-Street, was going thro' St. Paul's Church-Yard with his Wife, ſhe complain'd of a ſudden Pain in her Head, and deſir'd to hold by his Arm, but before he could ſupport her, ſhe ſunk down and immediately expir'd.

On Thurſday laſt Mr. Shipman, the Maſter of the Half-Moon Ale-houſe, the backſide of St. Clement's Church, in ſeeming good Health, and drinking with his Cuſtomers, fell down in an Apopleſtick Fit, and died immediately.

Wedneſday Night died, at his Houſe at Camberwell, Robert Winter, Eſq; formerly a Commander in the Service of the Eaſt India Company.

On Saturday laſt a Preſentation paſs'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. John Sheningham, M. A. to hold the Vicarage of Swillond, in the County of Suffolk and Dioceſe of Norwich.

The ſame Day a Diſpenſation paſs'd the Great Seal to William Bowles, M. A. Chaplain to Thomas Earl of Strathmore, to hold the Rectory of Bradford Peverell, in the County of Dorſet and Dioceſe of Briſtol, together with the Rectory of Dunhead St. Andrew, in the County of Wilts and Dioceſe of Sarum.

And likewiſe the Rev. Mr. Wight, was preſented by the Biſhop of Ely, to the Rectory of Weſterfield, void by the Death of the Reverend Mr. Butts, a Deſcendant of the famous Dr. Butts, Phyſician to King Henry VIII. and a very near Relation of the Lord Biſhop of Ely. And

On Thurſday a Preſentation paſs'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. William Aveling, M. A. to hold the Rectory of Martin St. Peter, in the Town and County of Bedford, and Dioceſe of Lincoln.

On Friday laſt as Ambroſe Iſtead, Eſq; a Northamptonſhire young Gentleman, of about 1200 l. per Annum, was Hunting near Northampton with the Earl of Halliſax's Hounds, his Horſe flung him, and broke his Thigh Bone in a very ſad manner; on which an Expreſs was ſent to Town for Mr. Ranby, the Surgeon, to go to him; and on Saturday laſt, about Three in the Afternoon, his Leg was cut off juſt above the Knee.

Laſt Tueſday Night one Jeremiah Swift, a Taylor, who lodg'd in Fry's-Court on Tower Hill, having ſome Words with his Wife, (who had been deliver'd of a Child about a Month) he ſtruck her with his Lap Board, and ſplit her Skull in ſuch a Manner that her Brains flew about the Room: The Infant was in its Mother's Lap when ſhe fell, by which Accident that was kill'd alſo. He was immediately ſecur'd and carry'd to the Tower Gaol, and laſt Thurſday committed to Newgate.

Laſt Monday a Butcher's Apprentice near Skinners Hall, having provided himſelf with ſome Squibs againſt his Majeſty's Birth-Day, which he kept in his Boſom, as he was ſitting by the Fire-ſide a Spark ſet Fire to them, by which Accident he was burnt in ſuch a manner that he languiſh'd till yeſterday Morning, and then died.

On Saturday Morning laſt a large Quantity of Tea was ſeiz'd in the Borough of Southwark, which was pack'd up in Hampers behind a Coach with four Horſes, that appear'd as if a Family was coming to Town, with their Baggage, for the Winter Seaſon.

On Saturday laſt two Fellows went into a Baker's Shop in Bearbinder-Lane, and demanded five Pounds of the Maſter of the Houſe, threatning, in caſe of Refuſal, to ſwear Sodomy againſt him; upon which he laid hold of one of them, and call'd out for Aſſiſtance to ſecure the other, but he got off; the Fellow he ſeiz'd was ſecured till Monday Morning, when he was carried before the ſitting Alderman at Guildhall, who committed him to the Poultry Compter.

On Monday Night laſt about Seven o'Clock, the Houſe of Mr. Hodges, in Haberdaſhers-ſquare, Grub-ſtreet, was broke into by one Michael Buley; but Mrs. Hodges, who had been out to ſee a Relation, luckily returning ſoon after the Fellow had got in, and ſeeing a Light in the Houſe, call'd out, on which he dropp'd down from the Window on her Shoulders, and endeavour'd to make his Eſcape, but ſhe reſolutely laid hold of him, and by the Aſſiſtance of a Man, that was paſſing along, to whom ſhe call'd for Help, ſhe dragg'd him into her Houſe, and afterwards ſent him to the Compter, and on Tueſday Morning he was committed to Newgate.

On Wedneſday Night one Lot Cavenagh was ſeiz'd near the Marſhalſea in Southwark, on the Information of one of his Accomplices, for being concern'd with him, and about 17 more, in divers Felonies and Robberies, committed in the ſeveral Counties about London; on ſearching him, two loaded Piſtols were found upon him.

Two Officers, one from Admiral Vernon, and the other from General Wentworth, are arriv'd in Town with Diſpatches for the Government; they came

over in the Sea-Nymph, Capt. Harman, who parted with the Strafford Man of War within ſix Days ſail of New-York, to which Place ſhe was oblig'd to bear away to ſtop her Leaks.

We are inform'd that the Strafford had four Foot Water in her Hold, and was oblig'd to keep all her Pumps going, and was in the utmoſt Danger, 'till at length one of the Men belonging to the Sea-Nymph undertook to dive and find out the Leake, which he did, and by ſtuffing it with Oakum they were able, in a ſhort Time, to keep the Ship clear of Water with one Pump only; and therefore it is not doubted ſhe is got ſafe to New-York. It is ſaid ſhe has on board near 100,000 l. in Specie.

The Mary Magdalen, Capt. Throde, arriv'd laſt Wedneſday in the Downs from Bilboa, has a great many Britiſh Sailors on board, which have been Priſoners in Spain, and releas'd on Account of the Cartel lately ſettled between the two Crowns.

Thurſday Advice came that the Royal-Frigate, Harnick, a Venetian Ship, which ſail'd ſome Time ſince from Falmouth, and had taken on board 1200 Barrels of Beef at Waterford, intended for the Spaniſh Fleet at Toulon, was taken lately by four Ships belonging to Admiral Matthews's Squadron, off the Iſlands of Hieras.

The Antelope, Golding, from Virginia for Liverpool, was caſt away in the late great Storm the third Inſtant, near Roſſes in the County of Donagal in Ireland, and both Ship and Cargo entirely loſt; but the Men with great Difficulty ſav'd themſelves: What of the Wreck was thrown aſhore, the ſavage Natives pilfer'd; there not being one Gentleman in the Country, and the Place 40 or 50 Miles from any Sea-port.

The Joſeph, ——, from Dartmouth for Briſtol, is founder'd at Sea.

Extract of a Letter dated Pulbelly, Oct. 20.

'The Heovill, from Batavia for Rotterdam, was 'driven upon the Coaſt of Cardigan in the Storm on 'the 9th and 10th Inſtant. On the 13th ſhe arriv'd 'at Sudwales, where ſhe now lies with the leaſt Da'mage. The Captain, Henry Dederin, died upon 'his Paſſage. The Chief Mate, Ulrick Dewonli, 'died ſince ſhe came to Sudwales. The Second Mate, 'now Captain, John Teeman, is now dangerouſly 'ill. The Crew are in Want of Proviſions. The 'Cargo conſiſts of 550 Tons of Tea, beſides Coffee 'and other Goods. There came a Paſſenger on board 'this Ship, M. Frederick Beerning, whoſe Father 'was Governor of Batavia; he was going to be mar'ried to the Daughter of a Burgomaſter of Rotter'dam, but he dy'd here on the 10th Inſtant: It is 'ſuppos'd he had great Effects on board.

BANKRUPTS.

Thomas Brand, of Colcheſter, Druggiſt.

Benjamin Field and George Garth, of the Pariſh of St. Leonard Shoreditch, in the County of Middleſex, Brewers and Copartners.

Joſeph Parker, late of Spitalfields, in the County of Middleſex, Dealer and Chapman.

John Siddall, of London-Bridge, Hardwareman.

William Fitche, late of Rothwell, otherwiſe Rowell, in the County of Northampton, Tallow-Chandler, Grocer and Chapman.

Thomas Cotton, late of Rolls Buildings, in the County of Middleſex, Scrivener and Broker.

Matthias Jackſon, of the City of Norwich, Beer Brewer.

Diſeaſes and Caſualties this Week.

Diſeaſes. Aged 25 Conſumption 80 Convulſion 116 Dropſy 18 Fever 62 Small-Pox 34 Teeth 14.

Caſualties. Drown'd 3 Exceſſive Drinking 1 Found dead 1 Overlaid 1.

Chriſten'd Males 134 Females 121 In all 255
Buried Males — 205 Females 202 In all 407
Decreas'd in the Burials this Week 14.

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